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Office Action Summary

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Brandon J Miller

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 August 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 22-26 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 22-26 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 5.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s) _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 22-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Carlsson in view of Sanders, III.

Regarding claim 22 Carlsson teaches a wireless system comprising a first and a second base stations, wherein a first base station comprises memory means for storing first identification information for specifying a terminal (see col. 4, lines 54-57 and col. 9, lines 64-65). Carlsson teaches a second base station for allocating second identification information to the terminal for specifying the terminal (see col. 10, lines 41-44 & 47-50). Carlsson does not specifically teach requesting the first base station to release the first identification information stored in memory. Sanders, III teaches releasing identification information from a buffer associated with a first base station (see col. 3, lines 48-50 & 55). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the device adapt to include requesting the first base station to release the first identification information stored in memory because this would allow for the efficient operation of wireless radio devices with multiple base stations.

Regarding claim 23 Carlsson teaches a second base station for notifying a control apparatus in the wireless system about identification information of the second base station and the second identification information (see col. 10, lines 47-54).

Regarding claim 24 Carlsson and Sanders, III teach a device as recited in claim 22 except for a first base station that is enabled to allocate the first identification information to another terminal in response to a request of releasing the first identification information. Sanders, III does teach identification information of a remote unit that is stored in queues associated with a particular base station (see col. 4, lines 45-48). Sanders, III does teach allocating first identification information in response to releasing first identification information (see col. 5, lines 21-23).). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the device adapt to include a first base station that is enabled to allocate the first identification information to another terminal in response to a request of releasing the first identification information because this would allow for avoidance of interference in control channel signals among a plurality of base stations.

Regarding claim 25 Carlsson teaches allocating identification information to a terminal in a wireless system (see col. 5, lines 5-7). Carlsson teaches storing first identification information in a first base station for specifying the terminal (see col. 4, lines 55-58). Carlsson teaches a second base station for allocating second identification information to the terminal for specifying the terminal and storing second identification information in a second base station for verification (see col. 10, lines 41-44 & 47-50). Carlsson does not specifically teach requesting the first base station to release the first identification information. Sanders, III teaches releasing identification information from a buffer associated with a first base station (see col. 3, lines 48-

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50 & 55). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to make the device adapt to include requesting the first base station to release the first identification information stored in memory because this would allow for the efficient operation of wireless radio devices with multiple base stations.

Regarding claim 26 Carlsson and Sanders, II teach a device as recited in claim 23 and is rejected given the same reasoning as above.

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 22-26 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Takemura U.S Patent No. 6,163,695 discloses a mobile communication system and mobile communication method thereof.

Allredge U.S Patent No. 6,181,931 discloses a method and apparatus for dynamic address allocation in a wireless communication system.

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 22-26 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brandon J Miller whose telephone number is 703-305-4222. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon.-Fri. 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, William Trost can be reached on 703-308-5318. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-3900.

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